

I just tried to call Sinclair Broadcasting to protest their plan to show an anti-Kerry documentary on all their stations, in efforts to influence the election. This is an outrageous example of how a big, consolidated media supplier can use the airways for their own political purposes. It's an unfair substitute for paid political advertising.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.